

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

According to the FCC's Media Ownership Policy Reexamination webpage (<http://www.fcc.gov/ownership>), the Commission is to develop "sound FCC media ownership policies that promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market".

I understand that the FCC is considering relaxing rules that restrict ownership of the media within the USA (Docket 02-277).

I suggest that this change in the rules would contradict the aforementioned FCC media ownership policy in that ownership by a very few large conglomerates would not only limit ownership of the broadcast media to those with wealth, but also restrict the diversity of views of individuals across the United States.

To protect the First Amendment Rights of the people, there must be a geographically and socially diverse multitude of independent, editorially-broad-based, and locally-based media corporations, easily accessible to the general public, and which are not located and centered in a distant state (or even offshore). In addition, it is suggested that the FCC should not change the rules to allow current media conglomerates which own hundreds of broadcast stations within the USA to create hundreds of "paper" corporations to effect the appearance of local ownership, whilst still controlling the media content by puppetry.

I recommend that the rules NOT be changed NOR relaxed, and that the FCC rules be consistent with broad-based local and transparent ownership of all broadcast media.

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